

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with David Barnes on March 19, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 8 now reads:

A method for the conversion of electromagnetic radiation into electrical signals, which method comprises:

- emission of electromagnetic radiation by a radiation source,
- detection of the electromagnetic radiation by means of a detector arrangement which includes sensitive areas,
- conversion of the electromagnetic radiation into electrical signals such that the sensitive areas of the detector arrangement correspond unambiguously to a respective electrical signal, wherein at least two of the sensitive areas mesh with one another so that a portion of one of the sensitive areas is positioned in a fully enclosed free area of another one of the sensitive areas,
- and
- propagation of the electrical signals.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-12 and 14-17 are allowed.

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3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
4. The reasons for allowance are in a prior office action dated November 1, 2007.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CHRISTINE SUNG whose telephone number is (571)272-2448. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday- Friday 9-5 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Porta can be reached on 571-272-2444. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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